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(F) A GROWING NUMBER OF UAE CITIZENS ARE NOW GOING TO U.S. UNIVERSITIES AND TRAINING PROGRAMS AS UAEG DECISION MAKERS SEEK TO EXPAND THEIR EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS BEYOND THOSE AVAILABLE IN NEIGHBORING ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE U.K. WITHIN A FEW YEAR A GROWING NUMBER OF YOUNG UAE CITIZENS WILL BE RETURNING TO REPLACE EXPATRIATES IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY. ICA WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION THROUGH STUDENT COUNSELLING AND BY ASSISTING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LINKAGES BETWEEN U.S. AND UAE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IPHE NEW UAE UNIVERSITY AT AL-AIN PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT NEW FOCAL POINT FOR SUCH COOPERATION THROUGH RECRUITMENT OF PROFESSORS AND, POTENTIALLY, BY FACILITATING U.S. INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULUM AND OTHER TECHNICAL SERVICES. AN EVEN GREATER ROLE FOR AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL EXPERTISE IS POSSIBLE SHOULD THE PROPOSED SHARJAH UNIVERSITY (TO BE MODELED ON THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT) BECOME A REALITY. IN TURN, THE UAE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FUNDING AND SUPPORT TO ARABIC AND ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAMS AT AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS. ANOTHER AREA FOR POTENTIAL FUTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN U.S. AND UAE ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS IS THAT OF NEW FORMS OF ENERGY,
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PARTICULARLY SOLAR ENERGY, OCEAN RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. BILATERAL COMMUNICATION RELATIONSHIP FOR OMAN:

(A) OMAN'S CLOSE TIES WITH ITS MODERATE, PRO-WESTERN NEIGHBORS, SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN, AND ITS DEMONSTRATED RESISTANCE TO SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE REGION (SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF ITS COMMUNIST-SUPPORTED DHOFAR INSURGENCY) ALIGN IT WITH U.S. EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN STABILITY IN THE AREA. OMAN WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ARAB COUNTRIES TO OPENLY SUPPORT SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE. ALTHOUGH FURTHER REMOVED GEOGRAPHICALLY AND IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC INFLUENCE THAN ITS NEIGHBORS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, IT LOOKS TO THE U.S. AS THE HOOK FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN. INSTEAD OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE PRESENCE OF A HARD-LINE MINORITY OF EXPATRIATE TECHNOCRATS, AS DOES THE UAE, IT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OMNIPRESENT BRITISH AS ADVISERS IN EVERY ASPECT OF ITS DEVELOPMENT. INCREASINGLY IT IS LOOKING TOWARD THE U.S. AS THE STANDARD BEARER FOR ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL GROWTH. U.S. TECHNOLOGY AND ASSISTANCE ARE ACTIVELY BEING SOUGHT. LARGER NUMBERS OF OMANI STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING U.S. INSTITUTIONS AND UPON RETURN ASSUMING LEADERSHIP ROLES. THEY, WITH IV GRANTEES, ARE AN OPEN LINE IN TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION WHERE U.S.-OMAN MUTUAL INTERESTS ARE REDEFINED AND ADDRESSED.

(B) ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ROLE ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. IN EFFECTING A SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND MAINTAINING STABILITY IN THE ENTIRE REGION DETERMINING OMAN SECURITY, AS IT VIEWS ITS PERIMETERS, IS THE MAJOR COMMUNICATION TENSION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. ANY ATTRIBUTED SLIGHTING OR SLACKING OF U.S. EFFORTS IS MAGNIFIED. A GROWING TENSION IS UNFULFILLED EXPECTATIONS OF U.S. ECONOMIC LARGESSE AND TECHNOLOGY TO ADDRESS RAPIDLY DEPLETING OIL RESERVE. ALTHOUGH CULTURAL AND SOCIAL TENSIONS BETWEEN AN HISTORICALLY ISLAMIC SOCIETY AND A MORE PERMISSIVE, UNCLASSIFIED
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SECULAR AMERICAN SOCIETY HAVE NOT YET ARISEN, THE POTENTIAL EXISTS.

(C) ICA CAN ADDRESS OMAN AND U.S. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE REGIONAL STABILITY AND OMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MEDIA OUTPUT, PROGRAMMING OF SEMINARS AND SPEAKERS ON LOS, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND TRADE PROMOTION. WIDENING DISTRIBUTION OF THE ARABIC WIRELESS FILE AND ICA ABU DHABI'S "ECONOMIC NEWS DIGEST" WILL CONTINUE TO ACCENT OUR MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS. BRINGING KNOWLEDGEABLE AMERICAN AND OMANI SPECIALISTS TOGETHER IN PERSON THROUGH TWO-WAY EXCHANGES OF VISITING U.S. EXPERTS WILL ENHANCE BILATERAL COMMUNICATION. IN TURN, IV GRANTEES WILL ACCENT SHARED INTERESTS AS THEY TOUR THE U.S. ANOTHER AREA OF POTENTIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN U.S. AND OMANI INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR LEADERS IS OUR ASSISTANCE IN EXPLORATION OF THEIR MINERAL AND OCEAN RESOURCES, AS WELL AS AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL TO COMPENSATE FOR DEPLETING OIL INCOME. ICA SUPPORT IN PROMOTING U.S. IMPORTS AND THE INPUT OF PRIVATE U.S. COMPANIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF SERVICE CONTRACTS, WILL CONTRIBUTE TO ALLEVIATING CURRENT ECONOMIC TENSIONS.

AS OMANI STUDENTS ARE TURNING IN EVER GREATER NUMBERS TO THE

U.S. FOR FURTHER EDUCATION, EQUIPPING THEM TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP ROLES, ICA WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION THROUGH STUDENT COUNSELLING AND PLACEMENT. CULTURAL PROGRAMMING THROUGH EXHIBITS, CONCERTS AND ONGOING IV'S WILL ENHANCE AN ICA REAFFIRMATION OF THOSE SHARED VALUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE POTENTIAL OF THE INDIVIDUAL THAT UNDERLINE OUR TWO SOCIETIES.

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